

# HASBADLOCK

C. M. Bryan, Detective, Makes a Sworn Confession.

Acted as Wholesale Liquor Dealer for County Officials.

SIMON IS INVOLVED.

Prosecutor Furnished Him the Money to Pay Freight.

Tells How He Disposed of Liquor to Jointists.

Attorney General as Well as County Attorney Knew.

In a sworn statement made public today C. M. Bryan, a former spotter, discloses the plan followed by County Attorney Simon in his prosecution of Shawnee county jointists and charges the public prosecutor with furnishing funds with which to create an endless chain of law-breakers.



County Attorney E. R. Simon, Who Is Accused of Being in Partnership With C. M. Bryan, a Spotter, in the Wholesale Liquor Business to Locate Jointists.

Bryan's statement which was made before Frank M. Campbell, United States commissioner, is not only one of the most damaging pieces of evidence against a public official but unveils corrupt methods which Bryan declares have been practiced by state and county officials in the alleged enforcement of law. For months Bryan was on the state's payroll as a spotter in liquor cases. He was said to be a valuable man in the state administration and furnished evidence that led to several big raids by assistants and deputies from the state house.

In a sworn statement made public today Bryan was thrown in touch with Ernest R. Simon, county attorney of Shawnee county. At that time Simon wanted "good men" to work in the local field. Bryan seemed just the man. He was a colleague of Rev. Robert Norris, who a few days ago declared he had recently turned over 40 joints in Topeka. Bryan listened to the proposition which Simon presented and went to work.

**Buys Liquor for Violators.**  
To Bryan, Simon proposed, he said, that the spotter ship liquor into Topeka in wholesale quantities and that it be sold to the retailers in case and barrel lots. It was all a new, mysterious deal to Bryan, to whom Simon explained that he would be better enabled to enforce the law in Shawnee county and himself employed the spotter to furnish Simon with a list of the names of people to whom he sold the liquor. Then Simon proposed to put a new set of spotter on the heels of these men and gain evidence that would send them to jail and incidentally bring Mr. Simon many fees for indictments and liquor prosecutions.

Bryan's story shows that it was all a very beautiful system. To carry out record as a law enforcement advocate of the first water, over the city Bryan would provide his beer and whisky. At night he would report to the county attorney a list of the day's customers. On the morning a dozen rubber heels but righteous spotters would prey on these men and women. The following day this testimony would be in the hands of the public prosecutor, who is sworn to enforce the law—but not to increase law violators—and the people who had originally bought the Bryan-Simon whisky would face a sentence in the county jail, a heavy fine court costs and an attorney's fee for Mr. Simon's personal bank account.

**Bryan Accuses Prosecution.**  
So it happened that Bryan became Simon's missing cog in the wheel of law enforcement in Shawnee county. The liquor was ordered. Bryan took money to pay the freight charges. To Simon he went with the problem. It was soon settled. From his personal account, he says, Mr. Simon drew \$25, which he paid to Bryan to bring "white" the one law which Mr. Simon voters that he was trying to enforce and which he was sworn to do.

At that time, Mr. Simon had not heard the indictments. Attorney General State, in which he told the county attorney could not perform forested in shipping liquor from neighboring states. To the state military law, Mr. Simon held the the very hour that Mr. Dawson was telling the state Temperance union of public prosecutors, he knew of the deal which the Shawnee county attorney had made with one of his own spotters. But he did not tell this

# J. WERTS MAY DIE

Well Known Topeka Pioneer Grocer Badly Frozen.

Found Suffering in Cellar by a State Journal Reporter.

IS HIS MIND GONE?

When Roused He Mumbled Incoherently About Business.

Refuses to Permit Doctor to Treat Him.

James Werts, one of the oldest business men of this city, was found badly frozen in a house at 716 Lime street today. He was formerly engaged in the grocery and feed business at 533 Topeka avenue, but sold the property recently and moved to the house where he was found by a State Journal reporter. He was lying on the floor in the cellar without any bed or without covering and it is believed that he has been frozen to such an extent that he cannot recover.

Mr. Werts is 81 years old. He and his belongings were moved to 716 Lime street by John Combs an expressman whom he has known for a number of years. Mr. Combs, who is also an old man, helped Werts set up a stove and left him Wednesday afternoon. Nothing had been seen of him until today. Mr. Combs drove to the house to see Mr. Werts on business and for a social call but could not find him.

His disappearance was reported to the police and an investigation started. He was found back in a dark corner of the cellar lying between old boxes and sacks of rubbish which he has accumulated through years of an eccentric life. He was barely able to talk and he spoke incoherently. Nothing could be learned from him. He refused to permit a doctor to be called or to receive any assistance of any character.

**Treated at Police Station.**  
However the police wagon was called and he was taken to the police station hospital for treatment. Later he was moved to a hospital. His feet were frozen solid. He was numbed from the long exposure.

There were wounds on his head, which indicate that he had fallen, striking his head on a box found near him. There was no indication of foul play. He was wearing his spectacles as usual when found. He was unable to move.

He was treated by Dr. James Stewart, the city physician.

Mr. Werts has been a resident of Topeka a number of years. He was engaged in the grocery business at 533 Topeka avenue more than twenty years ago and continued in this until about eight or ten years ago, when he sold out and became interested in feed and hay business at 137 Topeka avenue. He continued in this until recently, when he sold the property to Dr. Heatherly. It is reported that Dr. Heatherly will remove the outbuildings and erect a garage on the lots.

**August Palm "Bled" Him.**  
Mr. Werts has been associated with August Palm a number of years, during which time the latter was his friend considerable money. The last offense of this character occurred more than two years ago and was one of the deals that resulted in the conviction of Palm on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Mr. Werts was sentenced to the penitentiary. Palm was recently paroled and is now working in Topeka. Palm was formerly a contractor.

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# LONGEST COLD SPELL

Mercury Dropped Still Lower in West-Kansas.

Kansas City, Jan. 4.—With the damage attributable to cold in western Kansas already at a high figure, reports to the local United States weather bureau today showed a still farther drop there since yesterday. At Dodge City the mercury stood at 4 below. The longest period of cold and deep snow known in many years has, according to reports, caused great loss of live stock, frozen or starved to death on the ranges.

West of Great Bend train service on branch lines has been completely blocked for more than a week and isolated towns are crying for aid. Difficulty has been experienced in keeping the through railway lines open to traffic. Supplies among the farmers west of Great Bend are reported still plentiful, but liable to give out if the snow remains much longer. A force of 300 men is working day and night in an effort to rescue a stranded freight train and open the branch line to traffic.

**Temperatures in Oklahoma and Texas** were considerably lower than yesterday, 12 degrees being recorded at Oklahoma City and 15 at Fort Worth. A drop was shown in Nebraska and Iowa. It was 6 below at Des Moines and 2 below at Omaha. The local forecaster predicted continuance of low temperatures for several days.

**Dighton Still Snowbound.**  
Hutchinson, Kan., Jan. 4.—Dighton, Lawrence county, is still snowbound. Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe branch line may not be opened for two or three days. Freight for stock is running short. This branch line is closed as far west as Noss City, thirty miles from Dighton. The Jemore branch and the Garden City branch still are blocked.

# WEATHER IS COLD.

Uncomfortably Near the Zero Mark This Morning.

It is fair and cold today—in fact this is the coldest January 4th on record in Topeka. The minimum was 4.5 degrees recorded a few minutes before 8 o'clock this morning. The previous record for this date was 6 degrees in 1898.

Tomorrow will be crisp, clear and cold," said "Sunny" Floyd, local weather prophet today. There will be no cold wave, but the mercury will be around the zero mark by morning. The wind is blowing 12 miles an hour from the northwest. The hourly readings:

7 o'clock..... 5 11 o'clock..... 11  
8 o'clock..... 5 12 o'clock..... 12  
9 o'clock..... 8 1 o'clock..... 12  
10 o'clock..... 10 2 o'clock..... 14

# AFTER THE CONVENTION

Committee of St. Louis Citizens Leaves for Washington.

# LOYALTY A HABIT STIRS OLD ISSUE.

Join Commercial Club and You'll Get It.

Guarantee That It Can Never Be Broken.

BAILEY TELLS HOW.

Latest Ad Gives Pointers in Support of City.

Don't Be a Hermit Is Admonition of Club Member.

The fact that every citizen of Topeka is a stockholder in the city corporation and should consider his interests personal is the latest appeal sent out from Commercial club headquarters in the newspaper advertisements for increased membership. The Commercial club is preparing a campaign for 700 additional members bringing the total membership to 1,200. Advertisements in the daily papers written by club members begin the campaign. Thursday morning, January 11, the committees start out on the streets for their 700 loyal Topekan.

In the ad in the State Journal this evening Luther C. Bailey, points out one of the real selfish reasons why a man should join the Commercial club and assist in building up the city's industries and advantages. Mr. Bailey goes right down to bed rock. He shows that 50,000 souls in Topeka are depending on the city and living a part of their life in its borders. He proves that the only way advantages can be made more valuable is to take a hand in the city's progress.

Many persons realize that a city is what they are making it. That is the sentiment. How many citizens take as much interest in the welfare of their town as they do in the company in which they hold stock or in their own business? That is another question. The Commercial club wants every man in Topeka to stop and think of the club as a man who is living inside a city wall that he is helping to defend.

In the mediaeval days all able bodied men were subject to a call from the walls. If a man had a family and a home he was a unit in protecting both. If the city wall needed repairing, shelter was wanting, or food was scarce, the man was one of the thousands of others who provided a relief. It didn't take a Commercial club or a board of trade in those days to make a man a part of the city's interests.

Now-a-days the lack of trouble and the abundance of comforts relieves a man of physical protective powers. In this age he has fallen into a selfish regard for himself and family. If one-third of the energy could be devoted to the upbuilding of his city, the town would grow by leaps and bounds.

The Commercial club isn't asking for 700 men to dig moats or build walls and protect gates. It is asking 700 men to join the club, donate a small fee—only an hour's work represented to some—and then watch the results. If this is successful the city walls will have to be constructed of elastic.

**Loyalty to Topeka is a habit** after you once try it. The Commercial club guarantees this habit.

**Weather Indications.**  
Chicago, Jan. 4.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair and continued cold tonight and Friday.

# ONE BY ONE ANCIENT LANDMARKS GO

By John T. McCutcheon.

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# WOODROW WILSON MAKES AN ATTACK ON THE TARIFF

In a Speech Before the National Democratic Club.

IS PARAMOUNT ISSUE

Of the Approaching Presidential Campaign He Declares.

Says It Is Not Based on Any Principle Whatever.

New York, Jan. 4.—Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, addressed the National Democratic club here last night on the topic: "The Democratic Party and the Tariff." Once again, Mr. Wilson said, the tariff had become "the chief and most critical question of a campaign which must decide the policy of our government, not only in this great matter, but in regard to a score of things which touch the general adjustments of our life."

He continued in part: "Our tariff policy has not for several generations been based upon any principle whatever, but only upon a system of favoritism, of patronage, of arbitrary favoritism by the federal government."

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**HIS LAST FIGHT**  
Death Wins Victory Over Admiral Robley D. Evans.

Naval Hero Succumbs to Acute Attack of Indigestion.

ILL ONLY TWO HOURS

His Sea Service Began During the Civil War.

He Never Liked His Nickname of "Fighting Bob."

Washington, Jan. 4.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans died suddenly late yesterday at his home in this city. Acute indigestion ended the career of one of the most popular officers in the navy. He was ill less than two hours.

Admiral Evans, born 65 years ago in Floyd county, Virginia, arose Wednesday morning apparently in better health and spirits than he had enjoyed in some time. For years a sufferer from old wounds sustained in the civil war and from recurrent attacks of indigestion, the aged fighter seemed to have shaken off the burden of his advancing years. He displayed high spirits at breakfast and ate a hearty luncheon at noon.

While in his library at 2 o'clock the admiral was stricken. Instantly his family sent for Dr. S. S. Adams, who on his arrival found the patient in great pain. After treatment, Admiral Evans fell into a restless sleep and it was thought that danger had passed. Shortly after 4 o'clock, however, he awakened, and raising himself with difficulty, announced that he was choking.

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# TODAY IN CONGRESS.

Congressman Campbell Introduces a Bill Directed Against Monopolies.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senate in session at 2 p. m. Postoffice committee continued hearings on parcels post project.

House met at noon. Wiley investigating committee in executive session considered its report which will be made public in a few days.

H. W. Elliott of Cleveland continued testimony before foreign affairs committee urging international protection of seals.

Ways and means committee considered various house committee vacancies.

The cancellation of patents and copyrights by the House committee was proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Campbell of Kansas.

Passed senate bill providing that circuit judge sit on circuit court of appeals.

Designation from Rock Island arsenal protested to labor committee against scientific management.

Adjourned at 1:11 p. m. until noon Friday.

**THEY SIGN PROTEST**  
Henry Wade Rogers Condemns Italy's War on Turkey.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—The signature of Dean Henry Wade Rogers of the Yale law school, leads the American edition of a protest against the war in Tripoli which was prepared by the British Peace society and forwarded from Europe.

It declares against the action of Italy in making war suddenly and without due notice to Turkey and without appealing to arbitrage and attacked the fact that Italy has violated the law of nations.

**JUDGE GARY RESIGNS.**  
Pressure of Other Business Causes Him to Retire.

New York, Jan. 4.—Judge Elbert H. Gary has resigned as chairman of the board of the American steel foundries company owing to pressure of other business.

New York, Jan. 4.—"I can not conceive any condition that would make it possible for me to consider the question of my becoming the candidate for the presidential nomination of the Democratic party in 1912."

This was the declaration of Colonel William Jennings Bryan on his arrival here from Havana, in company with Mrs. Bryan.

They left last night for Washington. Mr. Bryan declined to comment on the action of the progressive Democrats of Ohio in pushing his name to the front as a candidate.

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